

Docket No. AREWP0105USSerial No. 09/773,233Claims

1-18 (Canceled)

19. (Presently amended) A multi-layer coating having a polished effect for the surface of an article of manufacture, the multi-layer coating comprising: a polymeric layer overlying the surface of the article; a metal layer overlying the polymeric layer comprising at least one atomized metal; a corrosion inhibiting inorganic layer overlying the metal layer, wherein the corrosion inhibiting inorganic layer is a conversion coating; and a transparent top coat layer overlying the corrosion inhibiting inorganic layer.

20. (Original) The multi-layer coating of claim 19 wherein the corrosion inhibiting inorganic layer is selected from the group consisting of one or more oxide, salt, and combination thereof of a metal selected from the group consisting of aluminum, cadmium, cobalt, cesium, copper, manganese, molybdenum, nickel, silicon, titanium, zinc, and zirconium.

21. (Original) The multi-layer coating of claim 19 wherein the top coat layer comprises an organic coating.

22. (Original) The multi-layer coating of claim 19 wherein the top coat layer comprises a ceramic coating.

23. (Original) The multi-layer coating of claim 19 wherein the top coat layer comprises an organopolysiloxane coating.

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24. (Original) The multi-layer coating of claim 19 further comprising an adhesion promoting layer between the polymeric layer and the metal layer.

25. (Original) A multi-layer coating having a polished effect for the surface of an article of manufacture, the multi-layer coating comprising: a first corrosion inhibiting inorganic coating overlying the surface of the article; a polymeric layer overlying the first corrosion inhibiting inorganic coating; a metal layer overlying the polymeric layer comprising at least one atomized metal; a second corrosion inhibiting inorganic layer overlying the metal layer; and a transparent top coat layer overlying the corrosion inhibiting inorganic layer; wherein the first and second corrosion inhibiting inorganic coatings may be the same or different.

26. (Original) The multi-layer coating of claim 25 wherein the first and second corrosion inhibiting inorganic coatings are independently selected from the group consisting of one or more oxide, salt, and combination thereof of a metal selected from the group consisting of aluminum, cadmium, cobalt, cesium, copper, manganese, molybdenum, nickel, silicon, titanium, zinc, and zirconium.

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27. (Original) The multi-layer coating of claim 25 wherein the top coat layer comprises an organic coating.

28. (Original) The multi-layer coating of claim 25 wherein the top coat layer comprises a ceramic coating.

29. (Original) The multi-layer coating of claim 25 wherein the top coat layer comprises an organopolysiloxane coating.

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30. (Original) The multi-layer coating of claim 25 further comprising an adhesion promoting layer between the polymeric coating and the metal layer.

31. (New) The multi-layer coating of claim 25 wherein the first corrosion inhibiting inorganic layer is a conversion coating.

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32. (New) The multi-layer coating of claim 25 wherein the second corrosion inhibiting inorganic layer is a conversion coating.

33. (New) The multi-layer coating of claim 25 wherein both the first corrosion inhibiting inorganic layer and the second corrosion inhibiting inorganic layer are conversion coatings.